professionalise its management. The Government has also decided to set up a world-class institute at Gondia in Maharashtra as Joint Venture Enterprise under the aegis of Airports Authority of India. The other flying clubs in the country are also being supported by the Central Government by way of providing funds for acquisition of trainer aircraft through Directorate General of Civil Aviation and Aero Club of India.

(d) No, Sir.

Dues of Kingfisher and Jet airways

1553. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the dues from Jet Airways and Kingfisher to Government for use of Airport Authority of India runways and other infrastructure facilities as on 31st March, 2008;

(b) in what manner this facility was allowed to these two particular airways and what are the terms and conditions for delay in payment by the above airways;

(c) whether Kingfisher is given special treatment alongwith Air India, as far as using the Terminal -A at New Delhi Airport, is concerned;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether such facilities are not given to other private airways;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the criteria of charges from number of private airways for use of Terminal -A or B or some time use of International Airport for domestic flights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Outstanding dues from Jet Airways/Jetlite and Kingfisher/Air Deccan Airlines to Airports Authority of India (AAI) as on 31st March, 2008, are Rs.27.02 crores and Rs. 181.76 crores, respectively.

(b) As per the AAI's credit policy, credit facility has been allowed on furnishing of security deposit to Kingfisher/Air Deccan Airlines and Jet airways/Jetlite to the extent of Rs. 67 crores and Rs. 55.66 crores, respectively. In case of delay in payment beyond the credit period, the airlines are liable to pay interest on delayed payment. Bills for interest are regularly raised by AAI. A specific time bound plan has also been worked out to liquidate the outstanding dues of Kingfisher Airline. The airline is committed to this plan.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) Airport charges, at uniform rates, are levied on all the airlines.

Airport at Shirdi

†1554. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that there is long time demand of devotees going to visit Sai Baba in Shirdi that an airport be constructed in Shirdi with air connectivity to all major cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any plan to set up the airport at Shirdi;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In February, 2006, Chairman of Shri Sai Baba Sansthan Vishwastavyavastha, Shirdi has sent a request in this regard.

(c) to (e) Government of Maharashtra through Maharashtra Airport Development Corporation (MADC) had got the area surveyed and identified a piece of 450 hectares of land for the airport near Shirdi towards Kopargaon. However, no proposal has been received by the Union Government, as yet, from the Government of Maharashtra, in this regard. Therefore, it will not be possible to indicate the details at this stage.

Helipads for commonwealth games

1555. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to have helipads in each of the nine districts of Delhi for the upcoming Commonwealth Games; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Ministry of Civil Aviation has decided to set up heliports/helipads in the country particularly in and around Delhi to meet the significant and growing demand for helicopter services and also in view of the ensuing Commonwealth Games. Pawan Hans Helicopter Limited (PHHL) has requested Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for allotment of land at Rohini, at Commonwealth Games Village site and Dusghara Village near Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa for this purpose. DDA has given in principle approval for helipad to be constructed by PHHL at Commonwealth Games Village site.

Rules for cabin crew

1556. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that individual airlines are now implementing the rules pertaining to Cabin Crew flight time limits, etc. as per the labour laws;

(b) if so, whether it is true that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has prepared a draft Civil Aviation Requirement Proposal for Cabin Crew in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Flight Duty Time and Flight Duty Time Limitation of Cabin Crew are governed by Directorate General